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[54] **PROCESS OF APPLYING MATERIAL, IN PARTICULAR FOR THE PRODUCTION OF ELECTRODES FOR EXHAUST GAS SENSORS**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A process for applying materials to a carrier, for which the material is atomized just prior to applying it by compressed air that is supplied separately. The process is particularly suited for the application of electrically conductive material to carriers of ceramics materials.

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